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Summary

In which Ilya, Shane, and their daughter sing along to Mulan at the cottage.

Notes

Like all of you, I simply cannot get enough of Heated Rivalry and will spend the rest of my days happily at the cottage.

“Papa, can we play princesses?” It was Sunday morning after brunch at Yuna and David’s house. Ilya and Shane’s three-year-old daughter looked up from where she was playing with her toys on the floor.

Ilya pretended to think about it. “Mmmm, I don’t know pookie. Why don’t you ask Daddy Shane? If he says yes, then we play.” Ilya knew that Shane would say yes. He always did when it came to their daughter. Ilya had to talk Shane out of buying a pony for her just the other week.

“Ooookay. Daddy!! Can we play princesses?” Liliana ran over, her blonde ringlets bouncing, to Shane on the couch and started tugging on his pants.

“Hmm? What’s that Lili?” Shane took off his reading glasses and set his book down after carefully placing a bookmark inside to mark his spot—Ilya had dared him to read a romance novel instead of his boring hockey and history books. Except, the joke was on Ilya. Shane had devoured the corny small town romance paperback Ilya had picked out at one of the bookstores in Ottawa and was now on his third romance of the month. Ilya thought this one was about cowboys. Ilya thought that maybe he should buy some boots, preferably with spurs.

It was not the first time that Ilya was struck by his husband’s dedication to immersing himself so fully into something. Hockey, for one. Learning Russian and teaching it to their daughter was another. Ilya smiled to himself - it had been almost 20 years together and he still couldn’t believe that Shane had been brave enough all those years ago.

“Papa!! Daddy said we could play princesses but only if you sing along.” Lili’s cheeks were pink with excitement.

“Sing along? Is this musical?” Ilya asked while grabbing Lili and swinging her up towards the ceiling. He loved that she was still little enough to do that. It was summer break, and all 3 of the Hollander-Rozanov’s were at the cottage. Ilya was worried that the cottage would feel too small with the arrival of their daughter 5 years ago, but Shane had assured him that it would be perfect. Of course, Shane was right. He usually always was, although Ilya refused to admit that sometimes.

Shane stood up and put his hands on his hips. “If you sing, I’ll dress up.” Shane had a glint in his eyes that Ilya immediately recognized as a challenge, and Ilya never backed down from a challenge.

“Game on, Hollander. But I get to pick the princess musical.” Ilya smirked.

Lili laughed in Ilya’s arms. “No, papa! Me and Daddy already decided. We’re doing Mulaaaaan.”

Darn, Ilya thought, he wanted to be Prince Charming instead. “Perfect. I know this one, yes? I get to be big strong buff man while Daddy dresses up as princess?”

“I mean, she’s a princess but she’s also, like, a pretty cool warrior.” Shane mumbled. “Like, she saves her country and stuff.”

“What’s that sweetheart? Are you complaining?” Ilya snickered. He loved seeing Shane in costume. Even though Shane hated it, Ilya thought he looked rather sexy dressed up. Ilya would have to make sure that Shane knew exactly how much he appreciated the costumes later.

“No.” Shane blushed at that—he would never admit to complaining in front of Lili.

“What’s taking so long? Hurry daddy!” Lili whined. “I wanna playyyyyy. Let me down!”

“Okay moya lyubov, we will get ready for you. What should I wear? My Hercules costume?” Lili started walking towards her room and dragged Ilya behind her.

“No. I pick Papa. Daddy get the songs ready!”

“Anything for you, my queen!” Shane said in a mock British accent and bowed to his daughter. He turned to go find his dress, somewhere in the costume closet. Ilya hoped Shane wore some makeup and sparkles, he always looked so pretty when he did a little eye makeup.

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“Papa, daddy, are you ready?” Lili looked very serious with her pink princess wand. Shane was taking a picture of her, no doubt to upload to Yuna and David’s digital frame. It was all Lili, all the time. Ilya didn’t mind, though. Lili and Shane were the lights of his life.

“Papa is ready!” Ilya flexed his muscles. “Where do you want me?” He was wearing a knight costume, complete with fake chain mail and a foam sword. It didn’t fit the theme of Mulan, but Ilya knew he looked damn good in the costume.

“Okay Papa you stand next to Daddy over there in front of fireplace. No. A little more.” Lili was using her wand to point to where Ilya was supposed to go. “Daddy, start the song and then go by Papa.”

“Tell me when Princess.” Shane called from across the room where he was hovering over the Play button on their surround sound system.

“1, 2, 3... GO!” Lili shouted. She giggled and twirled her skirts as the song started up. Lili had chosen “I’ll Make a Man out of You” from the animated Mulan movie. Ilya and Shane both loved this movie, and more than once Ilya had caught Shane tearing up at the final battle scene.

The beginning drums were playing and Ilya was psyching himself up to make his vocal entrance. Deep breath and “Let’s get down to BIZ-NESS. To defeat.... THE HUNS.” Ilya thought he nailed it. “Meester I’ll.... Make a man... out of YOUUUUU” Ilya wailed and danced and shook his hips at Shane while Lili clapped her hands.

Shane cleared his throat and sang “I’m never gonna catch my breath, say goodbye to those who knew me... hope he doesn’t SEE right through me.” Ilya stifled a laugh as Shane’s voice

cracked on that last line.

The song continued and Ilya howled out “Mysterious as the dark side of... THE MOOOOOON.” He took a bow as the song faded out and Lili and Shane clapped.

“Um...” Shane and Ilya whipped around at the noise. It was Hayden Pike, Ilya’s on and off again enemy. “No, by all means. Keep going. I was just here to pick up Lili, it’s our turn to babysit tonight.”

Shane started to say something but Ilya cut him off. “Pike, would you like a picture? I hear it lasts longer.” Ilya gave a twirl and winked at Hayden, who immediately blushed.

“Watch it, Rozy. Looking good, Hollander. I like the eyeshadow.” Shane turned beet red and immediately threw his hands up to cover his face. Shane was brave, but not that brave. Yet. To Lili he said, “Are you ready to hang out with your favorite uncle? The girls are all excited to see you!”

“Is Auntie Jackie gonna be there?”

“What, I’m not good enough?” Hayden teased. “Of course Auntie Jackie is going to be there. Do you want to get your stuff and get ready to go?”

“Ok. One minute.” Lili turned to Shane and Ilya. “Thank you for singing with me papa and daddy.” She ran off to get her things and there was a whirl of motion as they said their goodbyes and Hayden whisked their daughter off for a day full of adventure.

“Thanks Hayden! Say hi to Jackie for me! I love you Lili!” Shane shouted as Hayden drove off. After a moment, Shane kissed Ilya. “I’m going to go wipe off my makeup. Do you want to watch a movie after?”

Ilya looked at Shane long and hard. “I don’t think you should do that.” A hint of lust crept into his voice.

Shane got the message. “Oh, I shouldn’t, should I?”

Ilya shook his head. “No. In fact, I wanted to make a man out of you...”

Shane was already running. “Last one to the bedroom has to defeat the huns!”

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